to the answer to Unstarred Question 72 given in the Rajya Sabha on 30h April, 1990 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that special team made assessment of dues against other companies apart from the six companies involved in Supreme Court cases;

(b) if so, what are their names and also the names of the drugs against which assessment was made;

(c) what was the amount assessed against each drug by the team and upto what period; and

(d) what was the total number of representations received by his Ministry against the assessment made by the team upto 3rd May, 1990 and what are the details of each?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Names of the companies and the drugs in respect of which some tentative amounts were also assessed by the Special Team are given below:

Sl.No.	Name of the company	Drugs involved
1	Anil Starch Products Limited.	Dextrose Anhydrous.
2	Tamil Nadu Dadha Pharmaceuticals Ltd.	Calcium Lactate.
3	S.G. Pharmaceuticals	Oxyphenbutazone
4	Merind Limited	(i) Dexamethasone Pure. (ii) Dexamethasone 21 Phosphate.

In view of the representations received against the findings of the Special Team, it has been decided to review the findings in respect of these companies and also the tentatively assessed amounts upto 31-12-1983 which were earlier communicated to six companies.

(d) A large number of representations have been received against the findings of the Special Team, upto 3rd May, 1990. These representations deal with the issues relating to set-offs, under assessment of liabilities ignoring the liabilities in respect of formulations etc.

Revision in norms for conversion costs of drugs

721. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the 'Financial Express' of 26th March, 1990 regarding revision in norms for conversion and packing costs of drugs by the Sankaran Committee;

(b) when was this Committee set up and who were its members and when was the report submitted;

(c) what are the main findings of this Committee;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Committee studied the actual costs and packing costs;

(e) if so, what were the actual costs of 15 drug companies;

(f) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry have detected a number of anomalies in the findings of the Committee; and

(g) if so, what are the details thereof and what steps are being taken to rectify the situation?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (e) On 2nd September, 1987, a Committee comprising of the following was constituted for revision of conversion and packing norms:

(1) Director (Pharmaceutical Industry) Deptt. of Chemicals and Petro-Chemicals (Dr. D.K. Sankaran)	Chairman
(2) Representative of BICP (Shri C. Radhakrishnamurthy, Joint Director)	Member
(3) Dr. M. A. Patel, Commissioner Food and Drugs Control Admn., Govt. of Gujarat.	Member
(4) Assistant Development Commissioner (Pharmaceutical Industry), Deptt. of Chemicals and Petro-Chemicals (Dr. P.V. Appaji)	Member/Secretary.

A questionnaire was sent to 35 companies eliciting information on actual conversion cost and packing cost. Based on the material received from the companies, the Committee submitted its report to the Government in April, 1988 and the recommendations contained therein were examined in detail by the Government. Accepting all the major recommendations contained therein the revised norms for conversion cost, packing charges and process loss of materials were announced in February, 1989.

(f) No anomaly in the findings of the Committee has come to the notice of this Ministry.

(g) Does not arise.

Overcharging the prices of Formulations and Bulk Drugs

722. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN.

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that number of instances of overcharging the prices of formulations and bulk drugs fixed under DPCO, 1979 and 1987 have come to the notices of his Ministry;

(b) if so, what are the names of finished medicines and drugs;

(c) what are the names of their manufacturers;

(d) when was each instance came to the notice of his Ministry; and

(e) whether his Ministry has taken any penal action against any company for contravention of the provision of Drugs Price Control Orders?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The requisite information to the extent available with the Government, is given in the annexed statement.

(e) No. sir. However, necessary proceedings have been initiated against a number of defaulter compaines. In one case action for penal proceedings has also been initiated.